



August 2018

Dear Saint Andrew Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! As I transition into my new role as Principal at Saint Andrew Catholic School, I am excited to learn of all the wonderful volunteer opportunities and social events that make up our school culture. These events would not be successful without the help of our incredible volunteers. In order to best relay this information to our school families, we are providing you with a packet that contains a comprehensive list of events, dates and ways you can get involved.

The hallmark of a Catholic education is the reputation for producing good citizens. In a survey compiled by a non-American, non-Catholic source, Catholic schools were ranked #1 in the percentage of graduates who actively participate in civic and community activities such as voting, volunteering, letter writing to legislators, Catholic Concerns Day, and donations to charity, not just for a tax write-off, but out of a sense of the requirements of justice. The example that our Saint Andrew families model by generously sharing their time is a priceless asset to our school community. Our partnership in faith helps form highly educated saints and citizens. Simply check where you want to plug in and as the event approaches a chair person will contact you.

For the protection of our children, please note that all volunteers must attend the **Virtus: Protecting God's Children program offered here at Saint Andrew Catholic School and Church. More information will be forthcoming.*

Please sign the attached form and return your packet (only page(s) you are checking) to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, August 17th. **Classes with 100% participation will receive a popsicle party!**

I look forward to welcoming you and seeing you around campus, volunteering your time, treasure and talent to our beautiful Wildcat students, faculty and staff.

God bless you,

Mrs. Olga C. Macias
Principal

I have read through this packet and signed up to give of my time and talents

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name(s) of Volunteers: _____

I want to be a Wildcat parent/grandparent volunteer and help in whatever capacity necessary. I understand that I will complete the *Virtus: Protecting God's Children* training by a designated time set by the Diocese of Fort Worth in order to volunteer.

Family Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____

Name(s) of Volunteer(s): _____

Cell Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

Volunteer Opportunities for Families of St. Andrew Catholic School

Please check all volunteer opportunities that interest you. You will be contacted as we get closer to the event for which you signed-up. Thank you for investing your time and talent to the community of St. Andrew Catholic School.

Homeroom Coordinator/Room Parent (Ongoing)

This individual sends out a weekly email for the entire school year to facilitate communication between your child's homeroom teacher and the parents. Emails are non-academic in nature and include important upcoming dates and reminders and facilitation of teacher's birthday treats.

Home and School Association (Last Friday of the Month at 2:00)

The St. Andrew Home and School Association (H&SA) supports the school by volunteering time to classroom activities, providing financial support to classroom curriculum and implementing school community programs and events. The H&SA is the primary parent facilitated group of Saint Andrew Catholic School community. Its members are parent volunteers who work with the school to enrich the lives of students, their families, teachers, and staff.

Family Life Ministry (Ongoing)

Created to nurture school families who are experiencing a birth, death, illness, etc. by providing meals. Volunteers will be asked to reach out to other families and coordinate and facilitate meals for those families who have expressed an interest.

Book Fair (September and January)

St. Andrew's annual book fairs generate both a love of reading and a nice income for the school's library! Volunteers will be needed for the week of the fairs working either morning or afternoon shifts. Tasks will include setting up, working the cash register, tidying up between class visits and tear down.

Fall Festival (October 7)

This signature event is a wonderful community-building opportunity for pre-school-8th grade. Families enjoy a day filled with cake walks, face painting, train rides, bounce houses and yummy food & drink at Saint Andrew's annual Fall Festival. EVERY family is needed to volunteer to man booths in 2 hour shifts in addition to baking cakes, selling raffle tickets and more.

Mother/Son Dance (November)

Have a "date" with your son(s) and enjoy some mother/son time. How does a young man act on a date? This special evening between mother (aunt, grandmother, sister or friend) and son gives an example of how boys should conduct themselves on a date. Some topics to cover could be: meeting the parents, etiquette at

dinner, and proper attire for the date. Volunteers will help with sign-in, decoration, food and drink set up, tear down and more.

□ Grandparents Day (November 16)

This very special annual event is highlighted by student performances and interactive activities as we invite Grandparents to explore our campus, visit classrooms, and take a peek into the life of Saint Andrew's students. Volunteers are needed for sign-in and to serve refreshments.

□ Christmas Faculty and Staff Reception (December)

A classy evening held in the Parish Hall where teachers, faculty and staff are treated to a nice meal and fellowship. As a volunteer you may serve as a table host where you make sure the conversation is flowing, drinks are filled and your guests have what they need. Food and drink set-up and tear down are also needed.

□ Pre-K & Kindergarten Christmas Party (December)

A Christmas party for all pre-k and kindergarten classes where Santa makes an appearance and the students enjoy activities from cookie decorating to arts and crafts.

□ Catholic Schools Week (January)

Catholic schools across the nation commemorate Catholic Schools Week with celebrations, Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Volunteers will be needed to serve as campus tour guides, ice cream delivery, meal pick-up and delivery to school staff and more.

□ Butterfly Ball (January)

This special evening for fathers (uncles, grandfathers or other father figures) and daughters is to help the girls learn how to behave on a date and the proper way a young lady should be treated. This is an opportunity for a special male in her life to show her how a gentleman should treat her. Some suggested ways to show her might be to start with dinner before the dance or ice cream after the dance. Volunteers will help with sign-in, decorating, food and drink set up, tear down and more.

□ Lent Soup and Salad (March)

One Wednesday during Lent our school provides a meal of sandwiches and soup for the parishioners of Saint Andrew Catholic Church. Volunteers are needed to donate food, set-up, serve, and tear down.

□ Auction Gala (April)

Saint Andrew's annual Auction Gala is the school's biggest fundraising event. Parents are in for a treat with a fun-filled, adult only night out and includes dinner and beverages, a silent auction, a live auction, \$5,000 raffle, and more! Volunteers are needed for check-in, donor solicitation, decorating, tear down and more.

□ Teacher Appreciation Week (May)

A school wide collection of gift cards is solicited for this important week where we recognize the love and attention our teachers give to our students day in and day out. A luncheon is also coordinated by parents where we will need volunteers to pick-up and set-up the meal.

□ May Crowning (May)

Nothing says "spring is here" more powerfully than a May Crowning, the feast that recognizes Mary as queen of heaven and earth. Each student is asked to bring one flower. Families are encouraged to attend this long-standing Catholic school tradition where 8th graders pray a living rosary. Volunteers are needed to sort and create hundreds of bouquets. Vases are provided.

□ Merit Stones (May)

At the end of the year every teacher takes time to assign a word that describes your child. This word is placed on a smooth river rock along with the child's name, grade and school year. Volunteers are needed to write on the rocks. This is a one-day event.

Field Day (May)

From water balloon toss to three-legged races, Field Day is something our students look forward to every year! Every outdoor space on campus is filled with fun and imaginative activities. Volunteers are needed to ensure that each activity has an adult to facilitate it.

Take a moment to share your talents and tell us how you would like to use those talents to bless our school:

Name(s) of Volunteer(s): _____

Cell Number: _____ Email: _____

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

Home and School Association (Last Friday of the Month at 8am)

The Saint Andrew Home and School Association supports the school by volunteering time to classroom activities, providing financial support to classroom curriculum and implementing school community programs and events. HASA, (similar to PTO), is the primary parent facilitated group in the Saint Andrew School Community. Its members are parent volunteers who work with the school to enrich the lives of students, their families, teachers, and staff.

School Mass Greeter (Weekly)

Wednesday morning school Mass parent greeter will remain near the entrance to greet any families attending after the students, faculty and staff have been seated. These parent greeters will assist with opening doors and with showing families to seating.

Mentor Parents/Families (Yearly)

Current SAS Parents/Families to mentor incoming new families with all things SAS. Mentors will contact the families they are paired up with periodically to check in and will make themselves available via phone or email when needed. Mentors will inform new families on things ranging from calendar events, grade level questions, uniform questions, drop off and pick up questions and everything in between.

School Bulletin Board (Quarterly)

This individual would change out the bulletin board by the cafeteria on a quarterly basis with materials and pictures provided by the school.

Spirit Shop (Yearly)

Join our spirit shop leader and help sell Spirit items before and after school on designated days.

Fall Festival Raffle Promotion (September 10-October 5th)

The annual Fall Festival raffle is a REALLY FUN event that the whole community looks forward to in the Fall. Each raffle ticket offers a chance to win \$1000 tuition credit or a money gift card. Second place is \$500 tuition credit or a money gift card. When a participant buys 4 tickets, they get a FREE dinner for 2 in the SAS Gym at the Fall Festival compliments of Los Vaqueros. ALL students are asked to sell 6 tickets per family or more!! The students who sell the most are rewarded with great prizes and recognition.

Students are encouraged to sell the tickets to friends, family and neighbors. When the children sell their bundle, they are rewarded with prizes, recognition and an out of uniform pass for Tuesday, October 9th. Your help is needed on Fridays after school, in the front lawn, from 2:30-3:30 to help run the prize wheel, give out prizes, and collect the students from class.

Telegram Stuffing (October)

Telegrams are a fun and popular booth at the Fall Festival. They are notes and treats that are bought for the students by friends, parents, and teachers. HELP is needed post Fall Festival to stuff these treats and get them delivered to the students. Last year we had over 3500!!!! All hands on deck for this one.

Take a moment to share your talents and how you would like to use them to bless our school: _____

Social Events of Saint Andrew Catholic School

*When we come together we build and nurture
a true spirit of community among our school family.*

Fridays at the Park (Weather permitting)

Informal meet-up at Foster Park (3725 South Drive). Playground, bike trails and creek to explore!

Oktoberfest

Join us for Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 6th on campus as a kick-off to Fall Festival. Everyone is welcome! Bier, brats, sides and desserts will be served. Craft tables, games and playground open to the kids. \$5 per person, \$20 a family.

Weekly Rosary

Meet Mondays at 2:30 in the faculty room to pray together.

Coffee and Fellowship

Ladies of both Saint Andrew School and Church come together on Friday mornings after drop-off for a bible study, coffee and fellowship.

- Please send me details.

Men's Bible Study

The men of Saint Andrew Catholic School and Church meet once a month with discussion surrounding a specific bible study. The meetings take place in the evenings at various locations around town.

- Please send me details.

Saint Andrew Men's Club

This men's social group gathers monthly for networking and fellowship. Saint Andrew Men's club offers an opportunity to gather with men in our school and parish, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Come out the first Thursday of each month to network with men that share common values and interests. This is an excellent opportunity to get connected and be a part of the St. Andrew community. All Men 21 and older are welcome.

- Please add me to the email list.

Saint Andrew Ladies Night

Ladies night is a social and casual gathering of ladies in our school and church. We gather twice in the Fall and twice in the Spring (on Fridays) where we come together for fun and fellowship. Our first meeting is September 21st at 6 PM in the church for a Ladies only Mass followed by dinner, wine and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Other events planned for the year include a sip & paint and more.

- Please add me to the email list.